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STOPOVER

PRESS COVERAGE, JUNE 7

1. PREVIEWING PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST, NEW YORK
CORRESPONDENT PETER FISCHER SAID IN ARBEITER ZEITUNG THE
STATE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT NIXON IS MUCH INTERESTED
IN WHAT KREISKY WILL TELL HIM ABOUT HIS RECENT MOSCOW TRIP
AND HIS PRECEDING VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AT THE HEAD OF A
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION.

2. HUGO PORTISCH WROTE IN THE KURIER THAT THE PRESIDENT'S
STOPOVER IN SALZBURG "AGAIN STRESSES THE INTERNATIONAL VALUE
OF OUR COUNTRY'S NEUTRAL POSITION." HOWEVER, ALSO THE PRO-
SPECT TO EXCHANGE THOUGHTS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY SEEMS TO
HAVE PROMPTED NIXON TO COME AGAIN, PORTISCH MAINTAINED. HE
CONTINUED AS FOLLOWS: "TWO YEARS AGO THOUSANDS OF RADICAL
DEMONSTRATORS GAVE A VERY HOSTILE RECEPTION TO NIXON IN
SALZBURG. THEY TRIED TO PREVENT THE PLANE OF 'MURDERER NIXON'
TO LAND AT SALZBURG AIRPORT... NONE OF THE HUNDREDS OF JOURN-
ALISTS ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID
DRAWING A COMPARISON BETWEEN THEN AND NOW. THE DIFFERENCE WILL
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BE TREMENDOUS. HOW UNFAIR IT WAS TO SUSPECT HIM OF NOT WANT-

ING PEACE* HOW OBVIOUS ARE NIXON'S SUCCESSES SINCE THEN* HE
IS A PRESIDENT WHO HAS BEEN BRINGING PEACE TO THE WORLD, BIT
BY BIT, REGION BY REGION." ARNOLD

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